



# Intro

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## Questions

- What are they chasing and why?
- Who's chasing them and why?
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IN THIS BOOK, EVERYONE IS CHASING SOMETHING ... EVEN GOD

## Big Picture: Samuel in Israel's History

CHART: TO JUDGES, JUDGES 21:25

On their own, people never put **G O D F I R S T**.

RUTH • TRAGEDY, HONORABLE WOMAN, HONORABLE MAN, GOD'S PROVIDENCE → DAVID • RUTH 4:13, 16-17

When God's involved,

**T R A G E D I E S** become **B L E S S I N G S**.

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- Hannah, a barren woman seeks God and he gives her a son, Samuel.
- Samuel seeks God and God makes him leader of Israel.  
CONTRAST BETWEEN ELI AND SAMUEL
- The people beg for a king, so God gives them Saul.
- Saul seeks his own fame, so God rejects him.
- David pursues God, so God chooses David.  
1 SAMUEL 13:14 • THE CONTRAST BETWEEN DAVID AND SAUL
- Saul chases David, but David keeps winning.
- Saul chases his own safety, but is defeated in battle.
- David starts his kingdom; God starts a new covenant.
- David repeatedly loses focus on God, faces disaster, but then returns to God in humility, and God brings restoration.

1 CHRONICLES 28:9-10

If you **S E E K** God, he will be **F O U N D** by you.

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